

2015 2016

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



Message from the Chair



This year, Ovarian Cancer Australia celebrates its 15th birthday.

Back in 2001 Ovarian Cancer Australia was a tiny organisation with a huge heart – the aspirations of our founders Karen and Nicole Livingstone and Simon Lee, together with the late Sheila Lee and Lynda Gibson – were to provide support to women and their families and friends who had been affected by ovarian cancer, as they themselves had been.

Over 15 years we have built on those aspirations.

In 2015, we continued to support women living with ovarian cancer and their families, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of the disease, advocate for women on issues ranging from access to drugs and clinical trials to better treatment, care and support, as well as facilitate high-impact research.

However in order for us to continue to do our important work, we need to ensure our foundations are strong.

I'm pleased to report Ovarian Cancer Australia has made great progress through the development of a robust governance framework, the establishment of two board sub-committees to oversee finance,

audit and risk and the fundraising, marketing and development areas of the business.

This year, Ovarian Cancer Australia also developed a vision for the future with a new and ambitious Strategic Plan 2016 – 2020 which aims to support those affected by ovarian cancer, give them a voice, facilitate research, and raise awareness on a national scale (see more under 'Strategic Plan').

With a firm foundation underpinning all that we do and a bold vision for the future, I look forward to seeing Ovarian Cancer Australia go from strength to strength in the coming year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board: Tracey Curro, Sarah Adam-Gedge, Jo-Ann Hicks, Simon Lee and Carolyn Reynolds for all their commitment, guidance and support. I would also like to thank the CEO Jane Hill and the staff team who have worked tirelessly to achieve our vision to save lives and ensure no woman with ovarian cancer walks alone.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Benson".

Paula Benson
Chair

Message from the CEO



Ovarian Cancer Australia has had an exciting and busy 12 months.

This year, we focused on using technology and innovation to expand our reach, so we can better support women living with ovarian cancer across the country.

Ovarian Cancer Australia ran a series of six webinars, thanks to funding from the Jack Brockhoff Foundation. The webinars were hugely successful, covering a wide range of topics including: survivorship, communication and cancer, genetics and family history, clinical trials and research and a session on understanding ovarian cancer. The webinars enabled women from all over Australia to take part from the comfort of their own homes.

As well as the webinars, Ovarian Cancer Australia launched our new online forum, Ovarian Cancer Australia Connect. The forum is a great way for women impacted by ovarian cancer, families and friends to connect with others going through a similar experience, 24 hours a day seven days a week.

As well as our focus on technology, Ovarian Cancer Australia has developed its new Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2020. The plan, which sets our organisational priorities for the next four years, aims to deliver best practice, accessible support informed by consumers; to ensure all Australians know the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer; to strive to reduce the incidence of ovarian cancer by 25% and improve the five year survival rate by 25% by the year 2025.

This year Ovarian Cancer Australia achieved a much deeper engagement with parliamentarians

with both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition speaking in support of our work at our Teal Ribbon Day Breakfast in Canberra. We were heartened that many parliamentarians spoke in parliament throughout February about the importance of raising awareness of ovarian cancer.

We were also honoured that both the Governor of Victoria and the Administrator of the Northern Territory hosted celebrations for our 15th birthday. It was encouraging to see how far we've come in the last 15 years and to meet with all the inspiring people who have contributed to the organisation in that time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their stewardship, guidance and support, and the staff for their unwavering commitment. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our community of sponsors, donors, ambassadors, and fundraisers. We could not do what we do without your generous support. I also want to recognise the wonderful women living with ovarian cancer, their families and friends – each of whom make a valuable contribution to our organisation. We are inspired by you.

I look forward to working together to help reduce the devastating impact of ovarian cancer on women and families, and to take action on behalf of all the women living with the disease. Together we can save lives and ensure that no woman living with ovarian cancer walks alone.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hill".

Jane Hill
CEO

Support

We help women with ovarian cancer and their families, friends and carers to build resilience by connecting them to our community and by providing compassionate support programs, high-quality information and practical resources.

ONLINE FORUM LAUNCHED

THE FORUM WILL ALLOW WOMEN AUSTRALIA-WIDE INCLUDING RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS ACCESS TO SUPPORT, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.



FIRST OF 6 WEBINARS LAUNCHED

347 WOMEN RECEIVED A RESILIENCE KIT



316 ATTENDEES AT AN IN-PERSON OR TELEPHONE SUPPORT GROUP



110



WOMEN, PARTNERS, FRIENDS AND CARERS ATTENDED AN INFORMATION SESSION OR FORUM



537 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, SUPPORT, AND REFERRALS THROUGH OUR 1300 LINE AND EMAIL SERVICE



48 SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Awareness

We educate women and the community to recognise and act with urgency on the symptoms of ovarian cancer and to understand and access best practice diagnosis, treatment and support.

On Teal Ribbon Day, Prime Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP and the Opposition Leader, the Hon. Bill Shorten MP spoke at our parliamentary breakfast in Canberra.

During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in February, Ovarian Cancer Australia conducted a range of activities including:



1,480 WINDMILLS

PLANTED AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE IN CANBERRA ON TEAL RIBBON DAY



3 CONSUMER FORUMS

398



AFTERNOON TEALS

1,000+

ITEMS OF MEDIA COVERAGE



157 CORPORATE AFTERNOON TEAL EVENTS

↑ 13,968 FROM 12,608

↑ 2,978 FROM 2,890



6 PARLIAMENTARY OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS EVENTS



Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull.



(L to R) Tim Siv, Chemmart Pharmacies; Jane Hill, Ovarian Cancer Australia; Carolyn Wynen, Chemmart Pharmacies.



1,480 windmills on Teal Ribbon Day, representing the women who will be diagnosed.



Today Extra hosts David Campbell and Georgie Gardiner with ambassador Nicky Buckley.

Advocacy

We amplify the voices of women with ovarian cancer and provide expert views and evidence to demand action and funding to increase community awareness, improve equitable access to best practice diagnosis, treatment and support and increase the ovarian cancer research effort.

Our vision

We have a bold vision to **reduce the incidence of ovarian cancer by 25%** and to **improve the five year survival rate by 25%** by the year 2025.



(L to R) Paula Benson, Chair Ovarian Cancer Australia; The Hon Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria; Mr Anthony Howard QC; and Jan Antony, Consumer.

This year, Ovarian Cancer Australia celebrated its 15th birthday at Victorian Government House, with the Governor, the Honorable Linda Dessau AM, and the members of our community.

Ovarian Cancer Australia also welcomed a visit from the Opposition Leader, the Honorable Bill Shorten and the Honorable Catherine King during the federal election campaign. Mr Shorten MP and Ms King MP met with women living with ovarian cancer.

Research

We support excellence in ovarian cancer research and fund research that will improve the quality of life and survival for women with ovarian cancer.

Research funded by OCA

- **The Australian Ovarian Cancer Study (with the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation):** Led by Prof. David Bowtell (*Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre*). A collaborative program that collects bio-specimens, clinical and population data to develop a better understanding of ovarian cancer and new approaches to its treatment
- **OCELIS:** An international consortium led by Prof. David Bowtell to develop novel and robust experimental models of ovarian cancer

Ovarian Cancer Australia also conducted a digital campaign to encourage the Prime Minister to match the ALP's \$8m funding commitment. The campaign achieved 2005 Facebook likes with a reach of more than 87,000 people.



Public submissions to government inquiries and reviews

- Pharmaceutical Benefit Advisory Committee to list Olaparib (Lynparza) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

OCA led

- Ashkenaz Population-Based Screening Steering Committee

Alliances and networks in which OCA actively participates

- World Ovarian Cancer Day
- Cancer Drugs Alliance
- Lymphoedema Action Alliance
- VPTAS (Victorian Patient Travel Access Scheme)
- Australian Cancer Consumer Network (ACCN)
- NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation – Gynaecology Oncology Network.

Other formal consumer roles

- Australia and New Zealand Gynaecology Oncology Group (ANZGOG)
- Cancer Australia.

OCA also represents the consumer voice in numerous discussion forums, workshops and roundtables.

“I am delighted to see the strong support right across the political spectrum for this very important day. Teal Ribbon Day. I want to acknowledge the great work of Ovarian Cancer Australia for raising awareness and for the love and the compassion and the support you offer women and their families.”

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull,
Prime Minister of Australia

“Ovarian cancer is not well known... The story of both survivors and partners of people or children of people who didn't make it is pretty powerful. You remind us all about what's really important: health, family.”

The Hon Bill Shorten, Opposition Leader

Research Participation

- OvQuest (ANZGOG)
- ReKindle (University of Sydney and Cancer Council NSW)
- The Ovarian Cancer Study (Centre for Community Driven Research)
- OASIS (Ovarian Cancer Alliance for Signal Seeking Research – with ANZGOG).

People

Ovarian Cancer Australia has a dedicated board and staff that manages our support programs, awareness campaigns, fundraising, research and advocacy.



Nicole Livingstone
Patron

Our Board



Paula Benson
Chair



Sarah Adam-Gedge



Tracey Curro



Jo-Ann Hicks



Simon Lee



Carolyn Reynolds

Our Strategic Plan

Ovarian Cancer Australia's strategic plan for 2016 to 2020 is an ambitious blueprint for the future.

Our Vision

To save lives and ensure no woman with ovarian cancer walks alone.

Our Mission

We support those affected by ovarian cancer, give them a voice, facilitate research, and raise awareness on a national scale.

Our Core Values

We listen | We are inclusive | We are courageous | We act with integrity

Our Strategic Priorities to 2020

SUPPORT YOU

We will deliver best practice, accessible support informed by consumers.

KNOW OVARIAN CANCER

Australia will know ovarian cancer.

DRIVE CHANGE

We will strive to reduce the incidence of ovarian cancer by 25% and improve the five year survival rate by 25% by the year 2025.

Objectives

- Reach all women diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- Be the go-to place for those affected
- Broaden our services to support the supporters
- Connect those affected.

- Educate and campaign on signs, symptoms and risk factors
- Speak out so government, media, and key stakeholders know ovarian cancer
- Provide the latest evidence based information on prevention, detection, treatment and clinical trials.

- Bring to life the National Action Plan for Ovarian Cancer Research
- Connect, engage and influence to accelerate prevention and detection and enable women to make informed choices
- Mobilise OCA's community to help achieve our vision.

Success looks like

- Support services offered are what women want.
- All those affected have easy access to high quality and appropriate support services.

- A well informed public, media and government on signs and symptoms, risk factors, treatment and clinical trials.

- Significant investment in research is enabled.
- Lead advocate for an active Australia-wide ovarian cancer community.

ORGANISATIONAL CAPABILITY

AGILE AND STRONG

A sustainable and innovative organisation: the right people, the right tools, a strong business model and a robust governance framework deliver an innovative and sustainable organisation

People: A high performing and cohesive team.

Infrastructure: Technology deployed to advance our work.

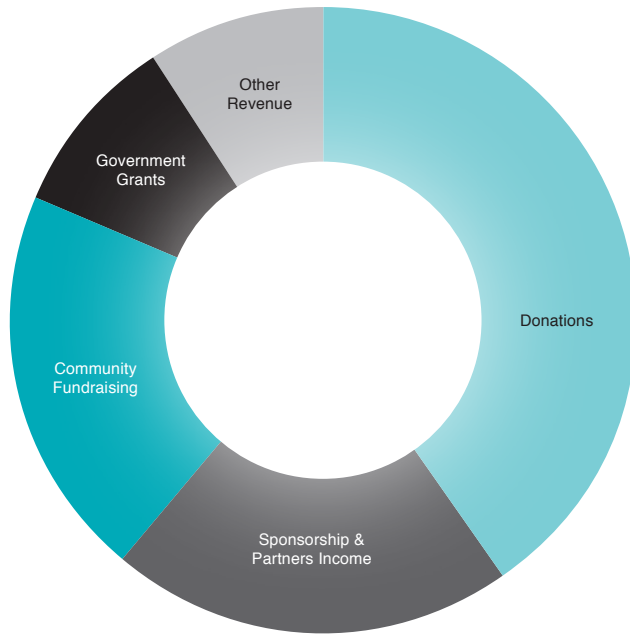
Financial strength: Financial reserves for investment in the future.

Governance: Accountability and transparency through a strong governance framework.

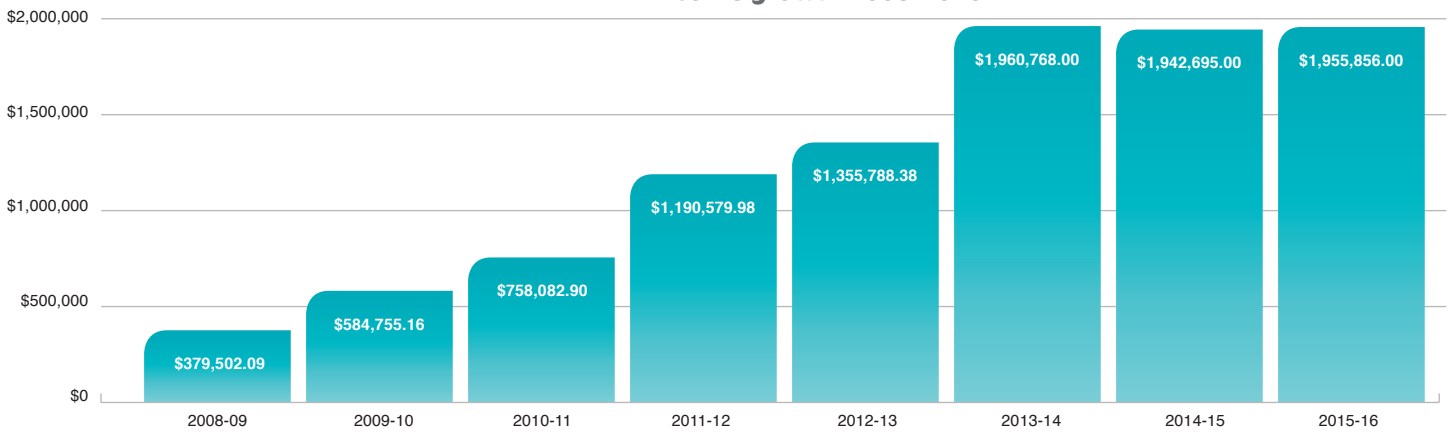
Financials

Significant Revenue 2015-2016

- DONATIONS
\$789,735.00
- SPONSORSHIP & PARTNERS INCOME
\$409,021.00
- COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING
\$397,082.00
- GOVERNMENT GRANTS
\$181,661.00
- OTHER REVENUE
- MERCHANDISE
- INTEREST
\$178,357.00



Income growth 2008-2016



(L to R): Anna Howarth, Microsoft; Jane Hill, CEO Ovarian Cancer Australia.

Partners and Supporters

Principal Partner

- Chemmart Pharmacies

ProBono Supporters

- Brunetti
- Career CEO
- Clemenger BBDO
- Designed Interventions
- GraCosway
- Kearney Group (*Accountants*)
- Minter Ellison (*Lawyers*)
- My ABN
- ROCG (*Auditors*)
- Vicinity Centres
- Wallis Consulting Group

Corporate Supporters

- AbbVie
- AstraZeneca
- Black Pepper
- Brunetti
- Charlies Cookies
- Coles (Queensland)
- Microsoft
- Mojo
- Myer Mural Hall
- Noel Jones
- Phoenix Trading
- Plush
- Roche
- The Law Society of NSW

Community Supporters

- Basketball Australia
- Port Power Community
- Queensland Cricket
- RoCan

Sister Organisations

- BreaCan
- Cancer Australia
- Rare Cancers Australia

Trusts & Foundations

- Count Charitable Foundation
- Crown Resorts Foundation
- Jack Brockhoff Foundation
- National Australia Bank - Impact Grant
- The Sun Foundation Pty Ltd

Bequests

- Estate of Mary-Rose Quinless

Donors and Volunteers

Many people across Australia donate their time and money to assist throughout the year. We would like to acknowledge the significant contributions received from:

- Ann Peacock
- Ann-Maree Mulders
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- Ian Newman
- Jason Bear
- Julie Bede-Smythe
- Kara Handley
- Karen Welsh
- Katya Gray
- Kerry Debrincat and family
- Lisa Smith
- Melanie Cain
- Michelle Church
- Miranda Bailey

- Natasha Sims
- Nikki Galvin
- Paul Beswick
- Queensland Cricket
- Rachel Thiele
- Rebecca Williams (NSW Resilience Kit)
- Red Rocketship Foundation
- Renee Barratt - NT Field and Game
- Sarah Madacki
- Susan Conterno - The Elwood Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser
- Sue Eller and Hurstville Golf Ladies Charity Golf Day
- Sue Hollow
- Sylvia Mary Pavlovic
- Trish Semken and Massey Park Golf Club
- Venetians Netball Club (Margaret Witney Cup)
- William Shephard
- Zimzala Restaurant and Melissa Feeley

Former Staff

Ovarian Cancer Australia would also like to acknowledge the contributions of former staff: Louise Fewtrell, Dr Katherine Nielsen, Lea Rawlings and Corinne Waddell.



Dancers at the Dance-O-thon for Ovarian Cancer.

Thank you

We have a proud and committed community of ambassadors, advocates, and experts. These wonderful individuals contribute their time and expertise to our organisation and assist us to spread the word and ensure this disease gets the attention it so urgently needs.

Ambassadors

- Patricia Bailey
- Hon. Gai Brodtmann, MP
- Nicky Buckley
- Alice Burton
- Tracy Collins
- Hon. Sophie Cotsis, MLC
- Sen. Sarah Hanson-Young
- Maria Hopes
- Georgina Lewis
- Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer, MP
- Melissa Marsh
- Karen Martini
- Jane Stephens
- Cameron Smith
- Gary Sweet
- Kerry Vincent
- Madeleine West
- Monique Wright

Community Ambassadors

- Rae Corbett
- Leanne French
- Tanya Hutchison
- Roz Kaldor-Aroni
- Alka Lalji
- Dianne Leahy
- Sarah Madacki
- Rose Molloy
- Connie Nikolovski
- Jenny Owens
- Sylvia Penberthy
- Kirstie Rosie
- Lisa Smith
- Joanne Stefanovic
- Jane Tracey
- Kirsten Williams

Our Medical and Research Advisory Group

- **Professor David Bowtell**, Head, Cancer Genomics and Genetics, PI Australian Ovarian Cancer Study, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Garvan Institute of Medical Research
- **Karen Campbell**, Cancer Care Coordinator, Gynaecologic Oncology, Royal Hobart Hospital, Tasmania
- **Professor Michael Friedlander**, Professor of Medicine, University of NSW and Director of Medical Oncology, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney
- **Dr Gregory Gard**, Gynaecological Oncologist, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney
- **Professor Neville F Hacker**, Professor of Gynaecological Oncology, Conjoint, University of New South Wales
- **Dr Orla McNally**, Consultant Gynaecological Oncologist, Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne
- **Dr Linda Mileschkin**, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Mercy Hospital for Women, Melbourne
- **Dr Gillian Mitchell**, Clinical Oncologist and Director, Familial Cancer Centre, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- **Dr Deborah Neesham**, Gynaecological Oncologist, Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne
- **Professor Andreas Obermair**, Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer, University of Queensland – Medical School
- **Associate Professor Lewis C Perrin**, Clinical Director, Mater Gynaecological Oncology Service, Queensland
- **Professor Michael Quinn**
- **Dr Stuart Salfinger**, Gynaecologic Oncologist, King Edward Memorial Hospital, Perth
- **Pauline Tanner**, GynaeOncology Cancer Nurse Coordinator, WA Cancer and Palliative Care Network – Health Department of WA
- **Dr Helen Zorbas**, CEO, Cancer Australia

Our Research Committee

- **Professor Michael Friedlander**, Professor of Medicine, University of NSW and Director of Medical Oncology, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney
- **Professor Ian Olver AM**, Director of the Sansom Institute for Health Research
- **Associate Professor Penny Webb**, Group Leader, Gynaecological Cancers Group, Queensland Institute of Medical Research

Ashkenaz Committee

- Professor Martin Delatycki (Chair)
- Katrina Parker
- Emma Robinson
- Associate Professor Alison Trainer
- Dr Suzanne Neil
- Associate Professor Paul James
- Professor Ian Campbell
- Dr Nicole Cousens
- Kathy Wells
- Dr Agnes Bankier
- Jane Hill
- Victoria Pajouhesh
- Professor Deborah Schofield
- Dr Michelle Cunich
- Professor Ian Jacobs
- Dr Alison Archibald
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